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Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration
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RE: **AGAINST COMPANIES THAT DEVELOP AND MARKET GENETICALLY
MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs)**

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to cast my vote to never let genetically engineered foods get on the shelves. I don't even want them labeled if by some sad reason they make it to the shelves. This is totally regression.

Sales in the health food stores with a wide selection of organically grown vegetables and fruit as well as additive free groceries have increased incredibly over the past few years. People are seeking alternative medicine. I am certainly one of them as well as my whole family. The food industry and FDA are in cahoots and I refuse to be their guinea pig. Let's test this dangerous technology on the company executives and genetic engineers that develop and market genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Let's study them for 10 years and see where the health risks take them.

With all my allergies and severe reactions to many foods which result in anaphylactic shock, this would be a deadly step in producing vegetables by marketing genetically engineered foods (seeds).

Scientists at the University of Nebraska, for example, have shown that people who are allergic to Brazil nuts will also be allergic to soybeans that have been genetically altered to contain Brazil nut genes (which are used to make soybeans a more complete protein). Since neither the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) nor the FDA requires genetically engineered foods to be labeled, millions of Americans who suffer from food allergies have no way of identifying offending foods. (The above applies to me personally). This is serious stuff.

The lead and chlorine in our water and bad air are detrimental enough to our health and now you want to attack the consumer at the vegetable stand, this is totally ludicrous.

My vote is to stop it before it's in the mill (seed).

Sincerely,



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Note: I will also write my congressional representative.

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